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Can you please forward to the larger group? Starting Red Hill BWS meeting

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A message from NM's governor is below, thanks



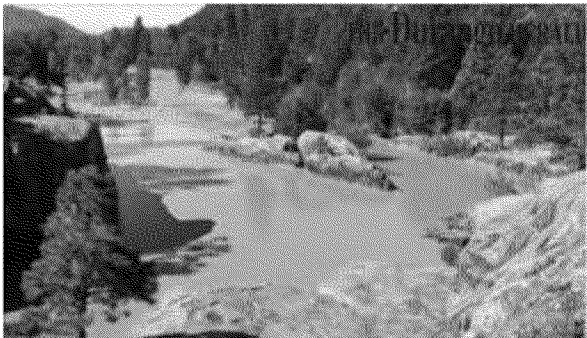
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Imagine what would happen if a private company caused this waste spill. This was caused by the EPA and the EPA should demand the same of itself as it would of a private business responsible for such a spill, particularly when it comes to making information available to the public and state and local officials.

I am very concerned by this massive waste spill in the Animas River in Colorado that EPA officials have admitted to causing. I have ordered my agencies to work with local and federal officials to ensure the health and safety of New Mexicans is protected. I am disturbed by the lack of information provided by the EPA. For example, we were not notified about this release until 9:30 AM yesterday morning even though the release is reported to have occurred at approximately 10:40 AM the day before. And the first notification received by the State of New Mexico came from an official with the Southern Ute Tribe, not the EPA.

I hope the EPA will be more cooperative and forthcoming moving forward as we work to address this situation.



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